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1. Reported Soviet views on situation in Europe--US Minister Chapin transmits a report [redacted]

[redacted] of an instructional lecture given recently by a member of the Soviet Legation in Budapest to leading Hungarian Communists. The Hungarians were told that the Soviet views on the European situation included: (a) US aid to Europe will be neither sufficient nor prompt; (b) the US presidential election is the most important factor in international affairs and will prevent effective US action abroad this year; (c) the truly "democratic" countries must utilize every opportunity afforded by this temporary US withdrawal; (d) the "liberation" of Greece is only a question of time, but the Markos regime needs greater assistance from the Satellites; and (e) once Greece is conquered, the overthrow of the Turkish "fascist" regime is a foregone conclusion, Italy will then become Communist, and France will be faced with the choice of becoming a US colony or rejoining the "European community of democratic peoples."

Chapin believes that this lecture might be considered a "briefing" of these Hungarian Communist officials prior to their departure for Moscow, apparently in order to sign a friendship and mutual aid pact with the USSR.

(CIA Comment: CIA considers that these statements represent an effort to convince the Hungarian Communists that the European recovery program will fail and that they should support the USSR's expansionist policies, rather than an actual exposition of present Soviet intentions and expectations. However, the statements accurately reflect the concern with which the Kremlin views the US presidential campaign and the results of congressional action on the European recovery program.)

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